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THE FIRST
JOURNEY TO
SANTO DOMINGO

JULY 17th TO SEPTEMBER 4th
1869

Saturday July 17th. Sailed 3. PM
from N.Y. on St. Lybee for St^a
Domingo. via Look Island.

Good room, nice fixed. Spafford
and Filsen. owners. very kind.
Have wine. Quets tub, chair & seat
on board. We had some 16 passengers.
Senolot Cole. of Cal. business (?). Col
Fabens, agent for Dominican govt. (?).
Judge & O'Sullivan, on some RR scheme,
a Mr Henry or Hunning, business (?).
a few natives bound for St. D. and
other islands. Capt of Lybee. St. A.
Delany, Special agent of the owners. Mr
Ringwood along. Proff. Gabb. (for Mr
Kallody or. bride (of 2 days). and his
mother. So very quiet. nice run.
Saw Steinberger on wharf. sent
me a case of wine, Halsey came to
see me off. Porter same. Left my
money matter in Porter's hands. Sent
\$40.00 to Mr Babcock. by him. —

Sunday, 18th

Beautiful quiet day. all well except
Mr Gabb (senior), nothing special a quiet
pleasant day.

Monday, 19th,

Rough in the morning. up in the
morning. had bath &c. but too sick
for breakfast - bad day. most of the
passengers sick - ate nothing but some
hard bread, a very uncomfortable
day - Cosco once - saw a steamer ^{bound} north.

Tuesday 20th

More pleasant. wind down. all
across Gulf Stream - sea more quiet.
Took my breakfast. - felt quite well
all day. Played cards - Edwin still
sick - most of passengers asleep -
music in evening - Mr Harrington
played the flute beautifully - men sleep
at night. Saw a few sails.

Wednesday, 21st.

Nice pleasant day. played cards. well
&c. all passengers out. saw a few
sail - some music. Most of passengers studying

Santa Domingo, Hayti &c. Had a long
talk with Ebene. He is an enthusiast,
cannot tell much about that country
from these people. too much interest.
Ebb. says very little about the coun-
try. denies the newspaper reports of what
he has said. Have not made the
acquaintance of O'Sullivan, I think his
advertisement, nothing more.

A beautiful evening, as I ever saw
at sea. Trade wind delightful,
all well on board.

Thursday .22.

Usual routine at sea. Health good,
no seasickness. beautiful night, music,
&c. Had a number of talks with the
passengers from Santa Domingo, and
other Islands. - A Mr Fornington, in
charge of a salt & guano island, his
brother the English Consul at Port-au-Prince,
all speak in favor of the Island. Mr F.
says his brother is much in favor of
annexation to the United States.

Friday 23rd.

Saw Turk Island, of the Grand Turk. at day light. Went ashore 7.30. Had a walk, a borrow, salt key - Met our Consul Mr Mungen, our Consul, brother of Mr Mungen of S. (M.C.). His house in good shape, it disagreeable place to live, a little business but salt, during the dry season. He wishes a leave of absence. - Met Mr Benson, merchant, English, born there, owns some adjoining islands. He drove us to see the Gov. this being the Capital of the Colony. His name, is Melfort Campbell, a retired officer of about 45, a pleasant English gentleman, quite polite, asked me my business to dooming, I replied pleasure. His place is quite comfortable, though much damaged by the hurricane in 67. - I promised to send him a copy of Upton's Tactics. Mr Benson, a merchant, articles quite as dear as in N.Y.

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Purchased fishing tackle, presented with a splendid soft sponge, by Mr. H. No good harbor, simply a moderate water clear, bottom coral reef.

The civil authorities came off and tried to arrest one of the passengers a Capt. ^{Lucas} ~~Pastor~~ (?), for debt. He was secreted under the bed plate of the engine room. Could find no trace of the Seminole. The report was that the "Telegraph" had been disabled by the Dominican fleet (two small schooners), and had escaped Loupence, having landed his men in the south of Dominica, and had taken his ship to "Tortola", Left Turk Island 12.30. Judge O'Sullivan behind time.

During the evening I had a long talk with Mr "Cherry Coen" of Port Plata, one of our passengers, and Mr J. J. Deetjen Jr. of Port Plata. The former was educated in Germany, of Spanish descent, a

is a merchant at Plata Plata, is also the interpreter at the Custom house. says he has been all over Santo Domingo, and that the opposition to Baez, is from a few discontented fellows, but that the country people are all for Baez. He is very anxious for annexation, but thinks the people would not like it under that name, at first but would in a short time all vote for it. He says there has been no quiet in the country since the Spanish invasion, and the people are tired - that they want communications - good roads and rail roads, when all the people would be industrious - Robbery is not known - the largest sums of money, are perfectly safe. He says there are but very few Indians left. He knows of no tribes - Says the Spanish and Indian crossed

but very few few crosses exist between the Indian & Negro. He explained their crossing in this way. In the early days of Columbus more but men came here and they killed the Indian but not the negroes. This was told him by a very old ~~Spaniard~~ Spaniard. He believes in the existence of valuable mines but does not know where they are. They are in the vicinity of Guadalupe, "old women" we know but do not want to tell, the horse, mule, ass, or sheep and goat have been very much neglected, hence the small size. Mr Deetjen, confirms the above. Mr Coen, says at one time President Paez - sent to them to sound the Guacale, and see if they were in favor of annexation to the United States, and they all said they were, and if Paez saw fit to do so to go on and they would be with him.

He said the paper money that had been issued had been repudiated by the people, and that the amount of bonds issued by the govt were small. he could give no date. A beautiful night, and a nice run, so cool that I put on my woolen coat, -

Thursday July 24th.
off Pota Plata, at day light, and at anchor of the town at 5:30 am. The harbor a mere road - steers entirely open to the North, a number of whicks - had to anchor at about half a mile from the shore. Freight taken off the steamer in lighters, and taken from the lighters onto carts drawn by single oxen (bulls) driven up into the water - as the small boats even cannot land, a novel way indeed - the place is pleasantly situated - ~~and~~ the

The view from the shipping is quite picturesque, like all tropical places heavy growth of foliage, Right back of the town from 2 to 300th. The place has a small old round stone fort. one gun, standing on a point commanding the road - dead - old and dilapidated. Went on shore about 8 AM. Took a walk to the American Vice Consul Mr ^{of Boston} ~~Mr~~ ^{Mr} Liggins - and a walk about town. The stone seemed to contain a little of more every thing, a number of new buildings going up - most of the people busy, a few saloons, &c. Visited one merchant Mr - who has a large stone house with some 2000. Cason^(?) of tobacco - He told me that when the Spaniards left, they burned the entire place, and the number of vacant walls confirmed this. Col. Tolson says these people ^(they have) are in favor of annexation.

The people seemed to mingle, so far as color is concerned in all labor. Though the white element, principally Spanish seemed dearth; they were loading a number of schooners, & brig - in the harbor with tobacco, nearly all for Germany, one american schooner in the harbor, but gets no load there, the pack train arriving from the interior all the time with tobacco, packed in their cordless manner, but little dye wood in the port, but little Mohogany. —

Met with Col. Roberts, and called on old Santa Ana, of Mexico, he is in good health, seems pleased to see us, enquired about the politics of Europe, especially of the administration of President Grant. He expects any time to be called back to Mexico, to his

to his proper place. He lives
here, as he can be in good
correspondence with his friends
in Mexico. He thinks Jerry, a
disgrace, cannot last long.
He says he looks for the people of
the North to regenerate the South,
meaning Mexico. The Island etc.
He referred to the fact that
Texas before we got it was a
desert, now a good country. That
Gen. requires \$5-6/50 a year for
you to keep it up, while he
was President, but in a few
months after the treaty, gold was
found and now it is a populous
state. He thinks the deeds that
have been accomplished with us
will now be accomplished with us,
that when he gets possession of
Mexico he shall encourage the
influence of the United States.
He said nothing about the girl
12 years old (?), a true story —

He seems in fine health. Hair
dyed - drove ⁱⁿ a little disorder.
Invited us to call again. Took
dinner at 12 m. a breakfast for
three people, good meal - no new
fruit except the Avocado or al-
igator pear, good coffee, a nice
meat, well cooked. I went into
a number of the stores. Most of
them understood a little English -
some quite well, all the French
and Spanish - Met a young English-
man, much displeased with the
speech of Mr Sumner. There's war
must come, he, we shall see.
I did no shopping, No chase trees,
a few flowers - Had a shower,
no skilled labor. Houses nearly
all wooden. Left at 4.30. Rm
for Samana. Did not find
time to go and see the Gov.
Health good. Manner of packing
rude. ~~Travel~~ mostly made of ~~shoes~~

Left Pora Plata. 4:15 P.M. on ox carts
 Pleasant sea. reached Amama again
 Beautiful Bay. See McSeddon report for
 details. No changes. No business, being Sun-
 day. No money. Nothing for sale. Golfo
 del Fliche. Same as Amama. First sight
 by Columbus, saw the work of two Americans
 by the name of Roe. cleared and plan-
 ted 25 acres of land. Indian corn now
 ripe. Harvest and a crop of corn in 7 months.
 Soil on all these mountains very fine.
 No doubt. Cocoa. Cacao, Bonona, Corn,
 fruit mostly here. but little tobacco.
 People are scarce. no one knows when
 the next rising will take place.
 They call all negroes from the U.S.
 Americans. or American boys. William
 Bonittow, a very intelligent negro,
 told us of the troubles - They can raise
 3 crops. Certain. No doubt but when
 any people show up this country there
 will be a large place in that bay
 a line of small steamers on the "Vha"
 or a good road soon will bring much produce

The island near the lower splendid
Coal station. Col Henri Abrio told
me that he saw an English
vessel come in and come straight
over the bank, and go up the gulf.
She must have drawn 7 feet of water.
He says the Captain was drunk.

People ~~not~~ ignorant but not indolent.
The Civil governor, and the Mil Com-
come off. The Gov, ^{Acosta} appointed by Paez,
full blooded negro, an old simple,
but good man. much beloved by
all. Some much of the formidability of
Simón has great influence over
the people. He is in favor of the
annexation, knows of no mines. He
knows but little of the upper coun-
try. In fact I can find no one
as yet that can give any definite
account of the country. Our Capt,
proposed to go off. take a sail up the
bay. and go out for Santa Domingo
City - rainy day. Took the sail Chorgue

his mind a number of times and
anchored for the night. He invit-
ed the Gov to dine with us.
He did so. the first time I ever dined
with a full blooded negro, some
did not seem to like it. - Sailed up
the bay about 10 miles, all looks well,
better place for the town above the
present site, - Without doubt. the
refutation of Luperon was aided
by the other powers. - Mr Farrington
English Consul. much changed in his
feelings undoubtedly instructed. Danie
goor likewise against the Nt.
Luperon's watch word is "Dominyo,
for Dominiconi" - He made wanton
destruction of property and lives,
one of our men was lying in
the harbor will keep all perfectly
quiet here. - Caught no fish, plenty
of Manioc, &c. No dye woods
in store here. Mr Heermans an Amer-
ican carried off by Luperon.

Sunday July 2

Sea quite rough - a rather unpleasant day. at Sea. Usual position. Cordes. Took tea with Col. Abrio, who seems to be quite intelligent. He says they have no prison, but have an Alcaid, who judges on higher offences, and punishes, but higher offences he sends before a judge at Panama La Sur, and any thing for the Supreme Court goes to Domingo City. They shot a man for drawing his sword on his officer and cutting him with it. They regarded Panama, in a state of Siege - so the military law was supreme. They are say they have but about \$600,000 worth of paper out, and that it is all being called in, by receiving one fourth of the Customs, in this paper the other $\frac{3}{4}$ in gold. They say they have no bonds out, and no outside debt. Money to do business in all they want. And they all seem to want the American industries.

applied here. but do not all say
 they want annexation, but all think
 that it will come as soon, as the
 first step is taken. They all deny
 that Cabrol has really any party.
 but simply a few malcontents.
 Each Citizen. Male. able-bodied of
 age is a soldier, all go armed
 with a Mochetta (?). they say to cut further,
 a large knife would be much better.
 It comes from an old idea of being
 armed — Col. Abre's says he more prefer
 the flint lock, because they find plenty
 of flint in the country is "Spanish
 answer". The country, along the
 island — is hilly, until we turn the
 point of Laona, ^{Island} where it has an
 extensive plateau, all densely
 wooded. and to all appearance
 susceptible of high cultivation. I have
 no doubt but this island would
 feed 3 or 4 millions of people if
 properly cultivated. — No good harbors.
 Points of land very close, and were difficult

at 6 o'clock P.m. were 70 miles only
from Domingo City, a beautiful night.
winds with us. We slowly. —

Tuesday July 26th.

Took pilot 6 a.m. and went in at 7,
a fine view of this old city as you
enter. all walled. See McAllone dis-
tribution - Chancel the pilot says can be
credget so as to take 16 feet high
tide. — The Seminola has not been
here, she was at Samona, took bottom
of the old coal, and left after the
Leprofo, I hope she will come here,
went on shore 9 a.m. went with Col
Turbin to hotel, selected room, walked
to see Luis Cezano, and wife, nice old
people from Texas. Henry Keen
(Rondolph) - reporter, —

Found the Presidente, has your
Azula² to inspect the troops, will
be gone some 4 days. — Called on
the Secy of State, had not my letter,
offered a room in the Palace but

Declined it. Went to hotel here a
breakfast. Sent for things. Mr Sullivan
suggested to send for the President.

Capt and Ringwood objected. I of-
fered to pay the coal bill. Then the
house had to be paid. Another hole.
said the expense could be paid
from the contingent fund of the
State Dept. So I offered to pay the
expense of the vessel, and give them
a letter to that effect. - They finally
Consented. Now have sent out
invitations, and go after him
starting at 5. Am tomorrow.

Senator Cole. Came to me. and re-
any assistance. He seemed to think
that Gobie - had prejudiced me
against Sullivan - Cole thought we
ought all to work together. I told
him my business, and showed him
my letter. all in confidence - on his
word and said I would consult
with him if any occasion came
up. - or on your own -

Rainy evening. Remained at the hotel,
a number in to see me. French Consul
"Castyri", invited himself to go, - rather a
comfortable room, wish I could see my little
family,

Wednesday, 28th.

Up 4.30. Coffee, went on board steamer, Sullivan,
Kennebec, Tobeen, took myself, Gautier, Grogollu,

Dr. Yeuagay (+) and three others. One Admiral,
French Consul ready, he made him think we
might be gone a few days. - so he declined,
nice trip - passed Punta Palenque^(?) - and took
at the bay of Caldera, the most perfect
land locked bay I ever saw - large size,
very deep indeed - Immense basin of over
50000 bbls. per year. with one felling, a
very valuable property - little in Govt. or in the
town of Boni. - Anchored in Azua. at
12.30, no horses. Gautier sent immen-
ately, had dinner, nice breeze. went on
shore at 2 PM - Horses soon arrived. The
President Baez. sent me his horse. a
celebrated white horse. 16-hands high. about
100 women me to be worn in riding him,
found him as docile as a lamb.

President's brother. General Boz. General Garcia?
 and a number of officers came for
 us. a motley crew, with a trumpeter,
 other horses sorry looking. Again, landing
 a simple wooden pier, at the head of a
 large bay, have to anchor some half
 mile from beach, a few small huts, a
 custom house (?). Some few soldiers, and a
 horse etc. all kinds of arms. rations simply a
 little raw beef and bonoson. each soldier
 cooks for himself - no mess. one gun?
 mounted, a fortification. of oil bble
 - enclosure the way way. - Had a nice
 ride to Agua. the rabble rode as though
 they had never seen horses. I fell back.
 The country ridden through much resembles
 the Mexican country. Cactus in various
 shapes. the Monica - lolly. and other
 species. Saw a number of coonys. all
 good size - Reached Agua. in about
 half an hour. near 4 miles. The
 President came out to the door to meet
 us. Saw the appearance, and value of
 a Frenchman. - ~~Residence~~ ~~similar~~.

The number of people all of whom
stuck by us prevented any talk. He
took a walk about town. well
laid out. most of the houses. built of
palm and thatched roofs of palm leaf,
a few houses of stone. streets good width
and regularly laid out. - The President
had to decline our invitation to go to
St. Domingo, on account of duties fitting our
two expeditions against Cabaal. He
had some 12000 men there. Looked more
as they marched out like prisoners faint-
ing of taking the prisoners to Algiers.
All kinds of arms. few uniforms - good
looking materas - much need of order
and discipline - indiscriminate mixture
of negroes, Spaniards &c &c. in the ranks
and with the officers - all very quiet.
After a long delay Ringwood sold
the Govt his horse brood and some other
stuff. He is the poorest agent one could
send out, so the steamer was to
wait until next morning. He
decided to sleep in town. Met a half
brother of Rosecrans a Que - in the morning.

Sullivan, Fobner, and Sumner acting as interpreters, took tea or dinner with the President. He gave me the seat of honor, his right - He seemed much pleased to think the President had sent the Sumners and seemed to appreciate the compliments we paid by going for him in the type - He claims that there is no political opposition to him, that Cabrol has only a few and that they are banded together to steal cattle &c. and to take refuge in Hayti. He says he has the kindest feelings for the U.S. and that "everything is favorable", this is decidedly Spanish. He says he will return to Domingo City, in five or six days, and will talk with me fully. He thinks he shall make short work of Cabrol. He claims that nearly all the foreign nations assist in getting up such expeditions as Coeperin to prevent the U.S. from having the island and in hopes of keeping up the discord. - Sullivan decided to stay with the President - I declined - as I thought I had

letter not remain, as I might be an
embarrassment to him. They provide
us good beds. the most delightful climate.
seldom rains. clear dry. and cool.
Aguila. the starting place of Hernandez County.
He was a notary Public. The Spaniards
carried off the only two documents left
from his time. The sugar cane in this
vicinity grows to a huge immense size and
without new planting. sometimes 24, 30, 50
and it is said 100 years. This is
peculiar to this vicinity - The country
immediately about Aguila. not beautiful
nor very rich. though good crops can
be raised even when it does not rain
during the year. Coal oil in this
vicinity - indicating coal. - The town
very quiet. Could not judge of the
number of inhabitants, as so many live
out of doors. - all look quite healthy.
- good sleep. Plenty of fleas. Went to bed
about 11 P.M., P.O. the evening before I left Domingo
called on our Consul Mr. Williams (Stanville man.
in bad odor here. He is soon with him. met a
Mr. Elliott. Antonio Cole did not call on Mr. Williams

Thursday 29th.

Lftr Azua 6.10. delayed an hour for the horse - Had the same horse. found the President up to see us off. same escort. nice ride - invited them to breakfast. saw plenty of *Gynura Vita* ("nylin vita") - quite sea. invited the escort to breakfast. They left at 9 am. Gautier returned with us. Lftr Azua (by 10 am. beautiful trip. Landed at Domingo City. 4. PM. Went to hotel. Quite a turnout of people expecting the President. After dinner went to call on Gue Lozano and wife. nice visit. Lftr well. - I found at Azua that the President could understand English enough for me to tell him that I wanted him to select an interpreter. He said he would be willing to take Mr Almonte. or Gue and Mrs Lozano - he was to decide on ^{his} return to the City. He suggested that if I wished he would take Mr Newman. I decline. -

Friday.

Spent the time about town. no news - called on Gautier and went ^{to}

my letter from Secty Fish, the Steamer
was all but lumber. Taken a
little Logwood. Walked about town.
Mr Elliot called and bored me a
good deal. He is a crazy middleman
fellow. The Consul called on me
a pleasant chat. Has urged he said
to come here by Secty Seward. Learn
he is no friend of Boez Grot. Claims to
have organized all attempt at a
Treaty for Samarra, &c. Called in the
evening on Col Henry Abres. and his
family. nice looking lady. children
well dressed, called also on the
Secty Mr Hangvica, saw the
Admiral Villa de Huon. He opened
the ball for Boez. Walked out to
Lopezos in evening - nice chat.
usual rain storm in afternoon,
Health good, did some writing,
visited the palace of Columbus.
(Saturday evening)

Saturday 31st.

Fine day. finished most of my mail
went about the town some, - Had a

Chat with the Senator. Who is of the opinion that Bay may be overturned. He says let no chance pass to get the Island. That they are not ready to be a State & usual routine of dieting during the day.

Sunday Aug 1st.

Woke to the news of San Francisco, & a scene of ruin. 4000 swarm of bees. some on the old wall. chased by four or five dogs. slightly bitten - rescued by a female. returned to street and room. bathed hands in ammonia. attended the Cathedral. High Mass - no handsome ladies, boys choir and cofets. Cathedral finished in 1547. Coat of arms of Chas 5th of Spain. double headed eagle & Columbus was buried in this Cathedral a great while. Saw Mr Almonte (?) and other friends. music a "melodion" some folks. service a mummer. Mr Gautier called on me. and told me that the Post would come up immediately if desired.

to leave on the Spanish steamer,
if was in no hurry he would wait
a while longer. I said I would wait.
I am a little suspicious that he wants
me to leave, perhaps not. Gonzales
and the duty of Mary could see me and
seem much pleased that we should
come here to see them. Elliott called
upon me a while, wanted some mon-
ey. I did not see it, sent him to the
Quator. The day after church a hol-
iday. Attended the theatre in the even-
ing. Commenced at 9. P.M. The Family Jns.
I remained and sat, not bad. The
Theatre is an old Jesuit church - in
a fair state of repair. Steamer to sail
tomorrow - Here no dogs, nor ponies,
nothing to send but the letter.
On Saturday visited with Gen Cozmo,
the prison, and tower of the old
fort. where we had a good view
of the city, a number of political
prisoners confined in the tower,
a ridiculous place for a fort and Arsenal,
a number of old canon, very old shells & a few

brass piece - mostly iron. prisoners
mostly political,

Monday, May 2nd.

Capt notified us that the Tyber would
sail 5 P.M. Closed my letter. sent them
to the President and Senator Coll. Took a
walk in morning to ship yard and to
Columbus Well, a nice spring. good ship.
Mall. rough work. - big tree to which the
story runs Columbus anchored his
vessel. Had a photograph taken to send
to Annie. Could not get my dog.
Secured the remainder of my wine and
my chair from the steamer. Capt gave
me some Conger water. Collector pressed
them in very willingly. Elliott came to me
to get a man out ^{of prison}. I sent him to the Senator.
Saw the party on board steamer - Senator
gave me his views. is in favor of the
annexation as a territory. and advised
me to hoist the flag if I got a chance.
Steamer sailed 6 P.M. The other raup on
board, no ice or Chonopayne displayed.
Returned to Hotel. quite lonely. Spent
the evening at Cogens. - Senator Coll

has been led to believe that Coburn
has a much larger force than we have
been told of and that his army is
within forty miles of Agua, and that
Pimonte is near Monte Christi.
I doubt it. Faber showed me his
papers - shows a much more favorable
state of affairs than I expected - it
looks as if something might be done.
shall know as soon as I see Bag and
have a talk with him, —

Tuesday Aug 3rd, 1864
Usual routine. Leary talks with
Faber, who thinks these people
will consent to most any reason-
able term. Think an advance nec-
essary. - Went around to see the
city & state. he had no news from
Bag. Pleasant call. Mr Sullivan
returned from Agua, on horseback,
brought me a letter from Bag, saying
he expected to be here on the 7th. Sullivan
much pleased with the country. Made
a few purchases. Remained at the
hotel during the evening. The town is

a state of excitement, being the eve of
the day of St. Domingo - Solitude bells
ring. Church open. flags put out, or,
Vistula the Church of Santo Domingo. saw a
fine painting of the mother of Christ
looking him to road - Joseph sitting by,
nearly beautiful, the City of State gave
me some good fruit, - usual
rain storm.

Wednesday Aug 24th,
Early Solitude, all flags out, walked
to the Market, saw plenty to eat, secured
a wash woman, - no animals for sale in
market, fish looked good - flags all
out, American consuls flag not out. or
S.M.W., Had a long chat with Mr. Smith,
and his son, He is a decided Cabral
man - says Cabral was properly elected,
He showed me his correspondence on the
Asylum question. I do not the right. Nor
four now in his house, claiming that
they are all political prisoners - He
says Paez - is simply a despot of the
worst kind - I see that he posted Cole
before he left, Smith claims to be the

origonator of the Lemona business. He
is simply a tool of Severe. He said to
Col. Toben, so Toben told me that Gen
Grant would have to maintain Severe in
the State Dept. said he had the information
to that effect. He seems to think that an
honest election could be held. He claims
that there are near 100 political prisoners
in the Fort (?). He has had as many as
29 (?) in Asylum, there at a time. The
practice continued by all consuls. He
claims the great expense, while his whole
house rent is \$20. a month. He speaks in
glorious terms of the Spanish occupation.
He questions our wanting the Dominico.
now. - that we can get Cuba, and she
is enough in the West India. He sent a
special messenger to Washington with
verbal messages. The practice of Asylum
gave a premium on revolution, Amon de-
clared for Cabral. and if danger of being
taken - sent to a Consulate for Asylum and
remained under the foreign flag until a
passport is given - It is bad. and it
assumes to a Consulate what is only granted to a

full minister

Mr Smith says Mr Carter told him that the Copper mines here are perfectly worthless, but that there is ~~good~~ indication of Copper ore. - A coal washer, came over - said the gold mines were a humbug. That the native women can wash out 25-cts a day. just enough to ^{buy} ~~buy~~ clothes. He admires the splendid character of the soil - the splendid sugar cane - and the possibility of the immense revenue in 1796-1797 spoken of by Allisim. He thinks it not only possible but probable. He has a claim for diplomatic service and expects Congress will appropriate money for him. - Breakfast at the usual time 11 o'clock. read some. tried to sleep. walked out in the evening. saw a great many ladies dressed in their best. some rather neat looking but no beautiful ones, a number of little girls dressed in white. Porter out. am- used in at breakfast. and followed in about the ^{city} ~~country~~ peculiar crazy ^{out} fellow he is. Turned inside out and clomped

He is happy, demands tribute of all and
pays none. His days are days of hap-
piness - He received a new deer from
me one day, looked at it with astonishment
went to a stone and tried, and told me that
that was not business, that is ten cents
was hardly business. He never thanks any-
one, but takes all small money, as belong-
ing to him and goes like the Indian to
come again", He laughed heartily when
Mr. Cannon asked him to get some dogs for
our amusement. Says called - said the
prisoners in the fort have to feed them-
selves. Says the goat have plenty of cotton
for their army in Azua. He has been here
10 years. Thinks an election could be held.
He says the whole people are here now
ready to move, to become a state. That
the Cobos people would all join. That
they originated the idea - the Roman Catholic
priests are all infans, - the town is filled
with festivals at night. nearly every
street corner. Police is armed. -

Met Guter on street at 10 o'clock at night - & had
been to see the Gobs - miles situated

Thursday Aug 5th 68.

Took walk in morning, with Col. Hoben,
went to a number of stores. a good stock
Mr. Layba, went with us, to find some old
curiosities purchased an old gold figure
of the Virgin. of a Gen. of Baz's army. He
says the image is probably 300 years old. saw
an old mirror, price 8. we wanted to have
engraving over the mirror, Walked through
the market. good beef. good vegetables. met
the Venezuelan Consul. he offered to assist me
if he could do anything. Went into the Store
of the Cocin. they also offered assistance.
as did the Danish Consul. Pur-
chased a slate. My Prof did not come.
Walked in the evening outside of the
gate to San Carlos. passed the Catholic
Cemetery. saw human bones lying around.
Walked to "Carmelo" the place of Gen. (Savignol)
Savignol, a gen. and a Senator. found
him at the place. House destroyed by the
Spanish. a beautiful place. He showed us
all about. Saw 700 coco nut trees. thousands
and thousands of Monkeys. lying on the
ground wasting. plenty of pine apples. "Cardinal" 7

flowers &c. fine Indian Corn and gumma
grass. Nothing amoyement. One S. a gay
man. plenty of diamonds. Large cross
- and vest buttons of diamonds. gold
jacket buttons. He is enthusiastic on
the subject of annuities but says they can-
not see Samana. He drove us in to the
city in his buggy. Showed us some fine
gold dust from the Hydra - some very
large specimen. Threatened with a rain
we hurried in, The Cemetery, in a good
state of repair, well fenced &c. It will
be in the way of an extension of the
town along the beach, when the
wall is removed. The walls are
stronger than I expected, and well planned
for the time built. The Gate well defen-
ded, by an water work. -

Remained at the hotel during the evening.
Rumor says the Semuola, went to For-
tola demanded the Telegraph, and the matter
had been referred to the atty Gen. and the
Semuola had gone to St Thomas in the mean-
time. Health very good. Not as hot a
day as yesterday.

Friday Aug 6th 1864,

Up as usual, after coffee, walked out to
 Guil Cayman, via the ruins of Santa Clara an
 old monastery, very extensive, all these ruins
 are now public property, possessed by the house
 of Judge Goose, a Baltimore negro, an intel-
 ligent uneducated negro, full of big words.
 He is filled with annexation, is a great
 man in the American Church, we did not
 see the church. He remembers the bombom-
 ment of St. McKenny in 1812. The light house
 put up by Bagj. an iron structure very
 creditable indeed, the sea wall washed
 under and destroyed in place. Had a
 pleasant visit at Guil C. S. he is much oppo-
 sed to the "Asylum business", says nothing for
 the present Consul, except that Bagj. has inter-
 letters for the Cabrol people under cover to him.
 He keeps his son with him on a salary
 for both of \$1500. Cayman showed me some
 more gold dust from the Hina or Jina,
 fine specimen. The govt has not allowed people
 to work the gold mines. Adlebert and
 all others speak highly of the prospect.

saw a beautiful pheasant, said to come
from this island. Mrs Cozneau, says my old
image of the Virgin, is not less than 100 yrs
old, and more probable that it is 300. It is the
"Virgin of Luceor", to whom they pray for help in
sickness &c. The old custom was to have one
made on the birth of the first child, and to
give to the Church a sum equal to the cost
of the Virgin, and then to hang it at the
head of the child's bed, on the cradle - and to
let the child wear it about the neck. Saw
a very queer no haired dog, well covered
with filers - some with their betes. The girls
said they were going to put into bed with a
sick person. I think the "remedy worse than the
disease" - A number of vessels announced.

El Capitan, with a prize of a Danish brig,
seized at Barona, with some ammuni-
tion and correspondence ^{for Cabral} a good prize.
The President to return tomorrow. A French
brig, anchored out side, from St Thomas, could
hear of no mail matter, hope for some to mor-
row. Very heavy rain storm, beautiful night.
Walked on my porch and thought of ^{Completed} Anne and
Mr Cunin volunteered to instruct me in French,

Saturday Aug 7th. 69.

Up as usual. Town all astir (Francisco
even told me that El Presidente & the Pres.
to arrive. a great display of bunting. gun salutes,
music &c. He arrived at 8 o'clock. a large
cavalcade of pacing horses. and men
mostly armed with the machetta^(?), but few
fire arms. The mount not bad. The Pres. went
to the Cathedral first where a Te Deum was
said. the people certainly expressed much joy
at his return. This is the first time that he
has been away in 18 months. He had ridden
from San Cristobal^(?). Gen. Baz mean called on
me. I showed him some of my papers and
told him that I wanted him to act as an
interpreter. he told me in strict confidence
about the Hartman loan. Hartman secured
by the loan if effected. a right to cut waste
and mine coal on the peninsula of
Samona. a dangerous thing for us. for of
course when they did not pay the loan
England as usual would come in to protect
her citizens. and get possession of the gulf.
I have little doubt but such is this scheme.
Baz does not know for certain that the bill has been ^{passed}

Called after breakfast to pay my respects to
the President. went with Cozmann and Felsen-
berg very polite Delmonte, Guter also. Told me
of his trip. Says he may have to return. his Genl's
do not all agree. a little suspicious. He was quite
anxious to commence talking with me. I said
any time. when he said Saturday was his lucky
day. and he would like to commence to day. I
agreed and we appointed 4 o'clock. I asked
for Genl Cozmann. and Delmonte said he would
be there also. So we left. Delmonte told me that
the Prigs. had no arms. nor ammunition but that
they intercepted letters by her. telling the Cobros
party that the Filigros had not really been sold
to the Englishman. but was still to assist him.
He also told me of a correspondence with
Mr Smith the Consul. on affairs at Porto Plata.
Mr Filigros Consul agent. wishes an armed vessel
sent there. He claims that American Citizens are
not respected. one man had been arrested
for shooting for Cobros & Loupax. was commu-
nished by the Gov. and left to go. Another had
been hit with eggs filled with water Coloyne &c
on a certain feast day. when this is the custom.
the guilty parties were arrested &c. and done.

another had purchased a tract of land from the City, and had not built on it within a year as the law requires - and it reverted to the City. I promised to write to Washington, -

They do not get along well with Smith. Bez said his army moved out the day before he left, so Sullivan was mistaken as usual.

Heavy rain storm, Went to Bez's house at 4.

Cogswell soon arrived - Belmont, Gantier & Hobens, latter brought in by Gantier. after a while I saw they were not going to give us a private hearing so I presented my letter. told the President how busy President Grant had been since the 4th of March - that when Col Hobens presented Gantier letter, and the request to have our Grant send for a vessel after the telegraph. that he did it promptly, and that he had telegraphed to me to telegraph to Washington, and told me to come, and see President Bez &c. He said the President's letter placed me in his full confidence and made many protestations of his great respect and great pleasure that the President had done so. He said now the matter had been opened to day we could afford

any subsequent hour, to go on. I did not like to go on with so many persons present so I waited. President Boez, assured me that with small draft vessels 2 ft. or less, they could navigate the Ozama, a great distance, and that ten feet cargo up some 2 1/2 miles. They really know nothing about it. Delmonte talks too much in Spanish, that is in ideas. Gue Savenon. was present in the morning a little while and said the gold miner on the finca are very rich, but cannot tell any figures. Delmonte assured me that at Sardoyos they find any quantity of gold mucho mucho Quin Sabé. After a little friendly talk about the timber &c. we adjourned to meet at 8.30. Monday. or tomorrow (Sunday) is a holiday. I then walked around to Gue Cayne's, and had a talk with him, told him of my plan. He promised to see Boez, before Sunday, and to put some idea as into his head, and to see if Boez, wished the thing hurried up, if so to put it in shape, and I would go on the Spanish steamer of the 10th. to St Thomas. thence home, by the Brazilian steamer - Returned as dark

to the hotel. I find in all my enquiries, no
one will give any opinion as to the number
of different classes of citizens. Spanish, Negro
se. They say any distinction of classes is con-
trary to their institutions, the opinion is
that no number of pure Indians exist
while in the country the crosser between
the Spanish and Indian and the Negro
and Indian are very common. The Govt
consist of a Republic, a President, a Con-
gress 4 officers, and a Senate of
members, a "Senatus Consultum," - the
force seems to be military, all able bodied
male citizens are liable to be turned out
to do mil duty, they are often turned out
just as the crop is ready. Their pay, a
kelly nothing, their food, an occasional
garment, and 10 cts a day, The fear of mil
duty is great. The mil authority seems to be
moderate. The people are not taxed ex-
cept. Stores, Shop keepers, boro, lawyers, bakers
&c. and this very small. no tax on real
estate no poll tax, The Govt still owns all
mining lands and a vast lot of public
lands with valuable woods - I visited my French,

Sunday Aug 8th.

Went to Cathedral, saw mass, and heard a part
of a sermon. The altar part silver not gilded,
a fine old building. Went to Protestant Church
found it locked, remained at room until
5 P.M. Dined with Prof Gabb. & family. a very
nice dinner indeed, and well served. After
dinner I went to Gen G's with Col Taber.
He had seen Gautier & Baz. but little talk with
latter. all arranged to have a private
interview. No news. French ship come into
the river. No other fine. No special scenes du-
ring the day. read a little french.

Monday Aug 9th.

Went to ^{with} Gen Cozneau, to see the President,
but Belmonte - Goutiers & La Roche (!) The President a
little sick, but decided to see us. We met him
in his bedroom, a plain room, and found
him looking quite badly. I assured him
that I had not come down to buy this or
land, as such an offer would be an in-
sult, that as a representative of President Grant
I came on the information he (Baz) had sent
to the State Dept. that St. Domingo is a small
republic and not large, and St. D. had internal and

He said he had become satisfied that his goods
 had been going back since before the Glan-
 conder came, and had continued since that
 he had become convinced that they had no
 chance but Annexation, I then asked him to
 make any proposition, and that I would give
 him my judgement. He said he was afraid
 that any proposition he might make would be
 reported. I suggested that I thought President G.
 would be able to pay something down. say
 \$100,000. but I would not pledge this, that I was
 certain that certain ^{militiam} ~~militiam~~ of war re. would be
 paid off and that as a guarantee the Govt of
 Samoa. should cede to us Samoa. He
 said he was satisfied that it would be better
 to be a ~~State~~ Territory than a state, and that
 they would be admitted as a state when
 they had complied with the Constitution of
 the U.S. I told him of the advantages in way of
 Capitol. roads, telegraphs &c that would accrue
 to it. He admitted this. He then asked me
 to draw up some notes to submit to him,
 and that he felt so badly, that ^{he} would like to
 adorn now - until he felt better. If tomorrow he

could let me know. I gave him a map of
the U.S. showed him the Pacific R.R. La. Fla.
Cal. and other lands purchased. He then ad-
joined. Gen Cozmes, coming to my room
where we settled upon the first memorandum.
I find that the Spanish Steamer will not be
allowed to communicate. Walked in the
afternoon as far as San Carlos. had
a fine view of the city and the
old wall around it - the city would
extend in that direction if the wall
were removed - Met a prominent mer.
^{Blas Vallego}
Chontz who said all were for annexa-
tion, that St Domingos. was like an old
tree the roots had decayed and the
body must fall all the children he says
are studying English preparatory to an-
nexation. I find all the people of
property on so, I think that if Bolz does
not do it now, he will be over-
thrown, Mr Heunen. went to the country
with Mr Penel. had Mr Brulier. horse.
They have to have a passport to go out
of the gate with a horse, a little anti
Republican - Mr Penel. thinks it is more to secure

a revenue than anything else. But I think it is a relic of old times - I saw some very deep wells. dug through the lime rock to water. Had a long walk. I have a touch of dyspepsia, or indigestion. Wrote a letter to Annie and commenced one to Porter. Retired quite early. -

Tuesday Aug 10th.

Up as usual. early - health better. Finished my letter to Porter and one to Annie. Sent a short Cipher despatch to Porter. Did not go out in the morning. Wrote and read. President still ill. Gen Cozmann came to see me in the afternoon. He had had a talk with Bog. and thinks it all looks well now. Went to English Consul's Mr Leon to mail our letters in English bag. found the place closed and found the mail bag had been closed since 8 o'clock PM of the 9th. No steam yet. Gen Co. sent my letter through Layba, to St Thomas. to be remailed there, this is the last night of the week of

the Patron Saint - much bell ringing.
Waked out to Que O's in the evening.
looked into the Church of St. Domingo
had a house, and were "going it".
Returned early. Heard that the Telegraph
had had her wheels taken off. so
Bog. fears her not. No news from the
Seminole - Hope to get some papers tomorrow.
No rain since Sunday.

Wednesday Aug 11th.

Up as usual. Had a little dull head-
ache. Had a little cold. Had sleep
with my doors open. After I took my
broad and tea. I walked down to the
market. usual sight. old women and
children, called at Mr. Layba's
hair shop. Then visited the U.S. Con-
sulate. Had a talk with the old gentleman
and his son. got no news. They had
nothing to say to me about any
trouble with Littlejohn. The old man
complained of his age and said he
wanted to return and spend the rest
of his days with his family. I thought
this is only talk - I think he would.

much distress - if worse.

Took a sleep after breakfast and slept
 off my head ache. Rained during
 the afternoon. and wind come out
 of the north. and quite cool for St. Domingo.
 After noon walked out and called on
 Mrs Gabb. old lady still very homesick in
 determined to go home. went to see the
 Methodist Church. Prof or Judge Groce had
 the Key. He was as grand eloquent as ever
 He is to let me know how much it will
 cost to cement the roof, &c. called at the
 Presidents - to enquire after him found him
 much better. did not see him. went to see
 the Church of Santa Barbara. & Mr Spors
 Church. a good view of the city from
 this place. The walls about this part
 of the City in bad order. It is an
 immense work. - Saw Mr Bennett a
 gentleman of color, who promises to
 find me some curious old things. I
 think he talks too much, after a round
 about walk returned to dinner. The Span-
 ish Monier reported in sight. said
 to be got in the morning. no news
 about Law -

Thursday Aug 12th 1869.

Remained at hotel during the morning. I found the announcement of the arrival of the Spanish steamer promotion, unless she passed us, by, as the French Consul thought. General Cozmes came round to see me. We talked up our matter a little, and he decided to go and see the President. He did so. Haberm went also. The latter told me that the Pres. was anxious for annexation, and wanted to see me at 3.30. Said Gen C. my interpreter would call around for me at that time. At 3.30 he came, but Brey had notified him he did not feel well enough and must be excused. We had another talk over the matter. I am satisfied that if Brey is in earnest, he will be able to propose such terms as will be accepted, but I do not like the long delay. If the General would appear, I should take her and go home -

Col Haberm and I took a walk down to the landing, and along the mahogany front - saw the market canoe, filled with bananas, plantain, coconuts, avocados, and other fruits and vegetables, very cheap

He walked about town a little saw a man
who will make me a couple of canes of
tobacco wood. for \$1. I ordered them. The
business seems a little more lively since
the French bark came in. It is queer
that the French should be able to ship
potatoes, onions and flour to this island
and sell them at a profit.

Remained at the hotel during the even-
ing - a quiet time. read a little.

Mr. Cagnon acknowledged that this is
a republic in name only. He explained that
the passport was to secure a little fur-
more than anything else. I had a talk
with Fabre who explained to me that
when he undertook to do anything
for this govt it was with an under-
standing with Brez. that they should
repudiate him to the public if neces-
sary, and they did so when Mr Smith
asked the direct question. have you
anyone acting for you in W? he had
the weakness to ask this in the
presence of the Station Counsel. -

Latone Friday Aug 13th.

No Spanish Steamer, at 9. am went
with Cozneau, and Fabens, to see
the Pres. soon shown to his room found
him much better. He expressed his willing-
ness to annex, and assured me that all
he wanted to know was what would
be acceptable to the U.S. I assured him
through the Gen. that I had not come to make
any offer. I was not authorized to do so,
but I came to see what he wanted, and
to transmit any proposition he might wish
to make to President Grant. He then sub-
mitted our few notes assuring him that they
were simply ideas not an offer. I told
him that I appreciated the reasons he had
for having matters concluded quickly,
and that if it was delayed too long. Pres
Grant would not feel that he had a
right to act before Congress met. I
did think though I could not pledge
the President, that such a treaty would
be made at once. He rose the Miranda
and made but few objections. He assured
him that the great obstacle in the way ^{is} was

the amt of money required, and that he
 must name that. He said if we should
 agree upon any terms he thought that
 before I came back I should get the
 assurance of a great many members
 of our Congress that they would confirm
 the treaty and would appropriate the
 money. I assured him that Gen Grant
 would not enter into any treaty without
 weighing the matter well, and feeling
 assured that it would be approved. He
 said Hayti was opposed to his annex-
 ing St. Domingo, and had written a
 letter to that effect, and he showed me
 the letter ^{later in the interview.} ~~letter~~. The gist, it is in the future
 written, in June by Mr Smith to Secy of
 State. I told him that I knew though I could
 not be used as authority that Solano, would
 like to become annexed. He then said
 that if he could know that he could go
 and see Solano, and have it all
 fixed. I demonstrated to him the length
 of time this would take, and I assured
 him that our govt would not allow
 Solano to interfere with anything

it was doing here. He alluded to the
price the English put upon Somona. When
the French proposed to take possession
of St. J. I assured him that all of that
was to badger the U. S. His objection
to not being admitted as a State.
I assured him that would put it
off until our congress met, and
said the treaty could be so worded that
this would be covered. He said it
would be a question. We then talked
of the shape his proposition must take.
I told him I wanted something to show
Pres. Grant. I assured him that Pres. B. G.
would make such such a treaty. He
said, by their constitution the Pres. could
not sign until the treaty was made that
he could instruct the Secy of State to
give me the memorandum, and that
he would write to Pres. Grant. That he
had told Goutier to do this and that
he would abide by anything he ^(Goutier)
agreed to. With this we concluded to
adjourn, and await their action. as
this was just the same as saying ^{such date} yes.

He insisted that they had a regular
govt. and then maintained it since
824, I assured him that it would not
come up to the requirements of our
Constitution for admission of a state.

He seems determined to bring the thing
about. it is all he can do now and
save his head, or his govt. to better
spec. I told him I thought of
riding to the country on Monday next
to be gone a few days. That if the Sen-
inole or any vessel came in for me
I should go at once. The interview was
very satisfactory. but we cannot tell until
they put it into writing. To talk is one thing
to act another. Remained at room until
towards night. No news. Kennen returned
a most enthusiastic admirer of the coun-
try he had passed over. He did not go
to the mines. Gabb came back with him.
I think Gabb must have prevented Kennen
from going to the mines. He is a humbug.
Two canes came home to me. not very
good. made of Tobacco wood. price 1/2.
I walked around a little before dinner

He secured Soule's horse for Monday,
also a guide with horse, also a Mr. Sum-
merville. Hammond &c. Decided to leave
Monday. Went to the Frenchman's store saw
some boots, nice looking, also some nice
shirts, Spent the evening with Gene C. no
news, all much disappointed at not re-
ceiving a steamer with the mail, I see that
Bay is struggling between European & American
institutions, I hear through Layba. that
a delegation has arrived from the interior to
urge annexation. Bay apologized for the
delay placing it all to his ill health.

Saturday Aug 4th 1869,
No news of the Spanish Steamer, Gene
C. called. no news from President Bay.
About 10 am Tower man rang his bell
and signalled two steamers, and sent
a report of to a large American war
steamer and a small steamer into.
We all speculated, and our wish made
us believe that it was the Seminole and
the "Telegraph". after a long time they
announced her to be an English man-
of-war with a gun boat in tow,

The large one The Defiance did involve the communication. The English Consul communicated, went off, and a number of officers came on shore. The Defiance was bound for Halifax from Fort Royal and was towing the gun boat to save coal. It turns out that they had a member "on dit" 20. cases on board of yellow fever. But they were allowed to communicate I was much disgusted at the announcement of the Tower man. She seems to have no business, simply "dropped in".

Walked about town a little in the afternoon. Went in the evening to call on Don Manuel La Roche, an old man 70 years old, father of Mrs Elliott. He is very rich even now, and a great American in feeling. He has held office for more than 40 years. He says that this is their only consolation. He wants to live long enough to see that and then he will be willing to die. He owns a Chapel in the Cathedral, a beautiful one. His wife - was a Countess or some

other titted dignity, he has much influence over the Priests and has been influencing them for annexation. Mrs Elliott met us also. She is a fine lady. She says she thinks Providence has been shaping things to bring about annexation. She put the American flag on and went into the room where the Station Consul had come, to protest against the A.S. She is building a country seat out about four miles invited me out. He asked me for a photograph of Gen Grant. I have promised to send him one. Was much pleased with them. a nice visit.

Met on the street Gen Danion Prez, the President's brother, and Mil Goo of the City. He also is at my disposition. He walked a little way with Gen Coz near. - on his way home. He has made preparations to leave tomorrow Monday for the mines.

I received a letter from Gantner, inviting me to attend the celebration of their political independence. on

Monday, I cannot go. Gubb. came down
and tendered us his services, and almost
insisted. I think if it is possible for
him to take a hint he will let me alone.
I hear that there is a little Yellow Fever
in the City, though not much.
My health splendid -

Sunday Aug 15th 1869,

Genl C. called early, had received a
letter from Gautier, with the memorandum
he signed with the contractors, but
had placed it on the money matter in
this wise. down 100, a. 50. total 2,
same for S. in case of failure, I told
Genl C. to go and see them and tell
them that I am willing to take to W.
any proposition they may submit, but
that I could not look for any formi-
dable consideration to that price, and
I could assure them that the Pres.
would not act in this matter on
all under such a price, before Con-
gress meets, and give him author-
ity. - D. Sullivan came to me and

said that he had been talking with
Coven. on the subject of annexation,
and that Coven had been talking with
Baiz. Coven. is much in favor of annex-
ation. O.S. showed me a letter he had
from Baiz, and one from Guter. The
latter asked him to go to the people in
authority in the U.S. and ask them to
send some one in whom they had
confidence to see them here. He says he
took Cole with him to see the
President and read him this letter and
he invited Cole to come. He told me
he had told Baiz. at Agua. that
he had better accept any proposition
I might make, and leave it to the
people of the U.S. to do the rest, and
that he had told him that Pres. G.
had no money on hand, but that he
could help them to a gun boat and
to means to carry them through, &c.,
I learn that he has been talking
2000000. for someone, hence their
price - He offers to go about and do
anything for me that is possible

as soon as he is well enough, -
 I said nothing to him about my
 business - at all, I can see though
 that he is assuming to have author-
 ity, for making statements, and that
 he is having a bad effect. I learn
 also that he said in N.Y. that Knott
 Cole was ~~going~~^{coming} out here with full
 power to treat, and I find that the
 reason the Tybee did not bring out
 the coal for the Seminoles, is because
 I had assumed that this was his
 vessel, and he was bringing out the
 coal. =

Being the Birth day of Louis Rex
 the French Consul - received all the people
 - a great many called there. I met our
 Consular agent and his son. He said
 the Consul was open to me if there
 was anything there that I wanted. The
 Notary Consul, also put his house at
 my disposal. - I walked about town,
 purchased an umbrella, for the trip to
 the Country, and Que C. purchased us a
 therm to have boiled for us. We got

things ready for tomorrow. Col F. wrote
to Gustin from passport. - The
American Consul called on me. I was
not in, Passport arrived. Simon came
with saddle &c. &c. Went to store and
purchased a ham, umbrella &c. &c.
All things in readiness at
night. Called on the Protestant
Church; heard Mr Hamilton preach. He
is a full blooded negr. and gave a
regular Minister sermon. The ideas though
were excellent. Walked home with Mr C.
I found that this Church was kept up
and sustained principally by a few negroes
who have come here from the U.S. from
time to time. It has been going 24 years.

Monday. Aug 16th

Salute at daylight. the city in its best dress
the Anniversary of regeneration. We mounted
7. Am and started for the river. Much dis-
gusted with my horse. Col F forgot the
passport and had to return for the same
from the gate. Simon a little late and a
little slow. Purchased some rum & bread.

The pack animals just arriving from the country with produce. They see milk but once a day (morning) never milk at night. The number of pack animals is immense. We made pretty good time along the road, passing through a beautiful fertile country. Here and there a farm "Canoca" with sugar cane, corn, plantain, rice, cocoa nuts etc. The road is beautifully shaded by large trees and many vines. The road to the Faina is generally level, occasional outcrop of the limestone, but generally a fine soil. Passed the old fort just outside of the City "St Jerome", an old Spanish ruin. The people we meet are plain poor people all polite. salute you with "buenos dias" "So" or "tarde". They have no definite idea of anything, that is they express none. You can get no idea of time or distance from them. Plenty of Logwood along the road. Reached the crossing of the Faina 9.30. Crossed the ferry (30), and took our boat, fast under a tree on the west side. Their stream here is about 600 ft wide, and is said to be 15 ft deep in center - being at

The crossing being at the junction of the ledge
with the river water there is no current
to speak of. He called at the "bohove" for
milk, coffee &c. "no lango nodes, nodes"
The universal answer. He made our breakfast
just under the cool shade of a large tree.
Eating on a solid Mahogany (table) log,
serving both table and seat, and afterwards
a lounge. He had eggs, ~~some~~ hard (boiled),
bread, sugar & water, a good meal, a great
number of animals with packs passed
us while we were breakfasting. at 11. We
left for "San Cristobal", taking a mere bridle
path. though I think it is styled "Camino
Real", a good path marring the way, a
shady ride, passed but few farms, crossed a
fine little stream about a mile from the
town. He cross the "Nogava", to get ^{to} the town.
He arrived 12.35, halted at the old one
depot, got some cool (?) water, took a little
more, and a little rest, This town now has
a church single one, and is a mere strag-
gling village. No one can tell what the num-
ber of inhabitants is, as no one knows how
many people in a house, only two streets

all the houses were "boheos", and poor at
 that. Nearly every house a shop. The officials
 Chong came to call on us. and seemed
 much delighted to receive a cigar and a drink
 of rum. He is a full blooded negro.
 In fact the majority of the people are colored,
 though the features peculiar to the Africans
 seem to be modified in them. You see
 but few doing anything. They are all
 Macabers. They seem to think that the Amer-
 icans will come in and then all will be
 well. After a rest of an hour or two, we
 rode on to "Corporan" a place belonging
 to an old Batjan Truchman, a clever but
 ignorant old fellow. He found the Geological
 surveying party had one of his houses, so
 we quartered ourselves on Mr Pennil, and
 Englishman in the employ. of Prof. Gobb. a very
 clever nice fellow. He were very tired and
 quite sore. though I was not chafed at all.
 He soon found refreshment in the shape of
 water, mangoes, avocados &c. and at night
 more a good supper. He all slept in
 hammocks. - my first night in our possession
 a pleasant night's sleep for once.

The country still richⁿ wherever cultivated
gives splendid crops. The comforts of the
people decrease gradually as you
depart. until they seem to have nothing
except millions of vermin. The feeling
of indifference seems to increase as you depart
from the cities. All arrangements plan-
ned for the morrow.

Tuesday Aug. 17th.

Went with Paul to the Spring to bathe early
in the morning. The spring is really the
supperance of the fauna. which disappear
some three or four miles away. The water
is pure as a pearl. and comes out of a
rock. forming a basin 10 feet deep.
The bottom of pure white sand. The shade
is beautiful. an immense bamboo tree,
on one side - with the Mountain. some very
large trees around. The stream is much
larger than the spring at Huntsville Ala.
Should think a stream 20 ft wide by 1 foot
deep. discharging all the time. The temperature
is delightful. as you dive off a rock into
the spring. the sensation is perfectly delightful.

After the bottle we walked to the falls of
St Thomas, about 10th of a mile, where this
stream has once been dammed, the dam was
of masonry, mortar and some cement.
Much of it still remains, it must have
been abandoned much over 100 years,
as the people living about there have
no ~~idea~~ idea what use was made of the
dam, or rather the water. The fall is
about 25 feet, a portion of the old dam
has been washed under, making a
natural bridge, a very picturesque old
place. The trees where once the pond was
are now two feet in diameter.
We walked a long way, along an old
aqueduct, some half a mile of it is
still habitable. There must have been a
hundred. It may have been built for the
purpose of irrigation, and it may have
been for ornament or water power.
It is a curious old place.

At 9 AM we started for the "gold mine
of Columbia" Mr Pennell with us left Senion
and took Joe, a half breed Spanish and negro.
We crossed the Girona - and thence across a
great number of hills - and valleys, the hills are

The greatest expense in felling up a fence is to fix it against the pigs. that are allowed to run wild. They are small - mean bred, and will eat down any ordinary fence in a short time, the expense of the fence is great. a law to shoot the pigs found in the woods would be a splendid thing. The chicken - pigs, turkeys, cows, horses, & goats all ~~run~~ ^{run} at random in the woods. no wild animals to destroy the chickens.

After crossing a number of the mountain streams all of which are said to contain gold, we halted at "Morceleros" on the - We found the old lady there with a little clothing on as one generally has when not naked. She was very polite but when asked for eggs, chicken, milk, coffee, & made the usual reply "no da nada". We got some Cocornuts from the old ^{woman} ~~gal~~ who stood on the side hill to stop them as they rolled down - one of them bruised her leg very much. I gave her some Opium - and made her feel well. She had no gold - all well, the skin we could

get some probably at ~~Butocudos~~ Gue Rube-
Cuidos. Though the girls did not wash
much gold now. some were sick. one
was in a family way, and a number
of other small reasons were in the
way. The gold here as in all this coun-
try is all washed by the girls and
women. it is not looked upon by the
men as proper work for them to do. they
do not know how, and they look upon
it as small work. They generally have
a little wooden bowl, holding about
five quarts. no pick shovels or any such
implements and yet they get quantities
that would indicate that any person who
could go and wash in a systematic
way might make from \$10 to \$20 per day.
The gold is widely diffused. Not quite
hondy, and in large quantities.
We called at "Gue Butocudos" found the
Guel away to the wars. old lady sick,
no gold, and the usual answer "Nada"
nor would they go and. The old lady said
she had enough to do in the Guel's absence
without washing gold. but said there

was plenty to be found. We moved
on to a recent house some 12 miles from
where we started in the morning and
went into service. - The people at the
house had "Noda", after a while our
sticker found a chicken, and the old lady
cooked us some sweet potatoes, their
chicken in oil and garlic - and gave
us some ginger tea. I could not go the
garlic flavored with chicken, the potatoes
were raw, so I made out with those. Gave
them a hard boiled egg, and some rum,
and water. Pennie had ordered Simon
not to put in all of our pack so we were
short of bread, and had no tea but
had ~~the~~ ²⁵ pounds of lard. We tried to find
some one with gold to sell. The price here
is \$12 per ounce. The horse of our woman
who was to bring us some in the
morning, we tried to wash some gold
from the stream near the house but failed
to get any. We had a good deal of
fun. Sleep quite well, - very tired,
the air delightful - some flies, no mos-
quitoes.

Wednesday.

Up early in the morning. Josi brought us a little curious looking gold. The woman was sick. It looks as if gotten out with mercury. He made a poor breakfast, and then went down to where Josi found the gold. He found the woman sick. She would not tell us exactly where she got the gold. nor would she send anyone to wash out some gold for us until they told her I was a Dr. and that I would send back to the house and get some medicine from the pack, and Dr. her. I think she was suffering with rheumatism. The promise of medicine had the desired effect. She sent for some men, and they took us into the nearest Canada mine, and after a few minutes went to washing in their small wooden bowl the first pan no gold. 2nd & 3rd each one a small piece. 4th & 5th none. We saw how rude the method was and how apt they were to get none even if in a gold country so we returned to the house. I brought the two pieces. I picked them from the fine black sand in the bowl, they simply dig up a little dirt and gravel with the universal mockette, and then scrape it up with their hands.

so they are liable to lose the gold in picking up the sand. They said this was a good place, though it was better further up, and still better across the ~~river~~ ^{river}. They said they never washed it was the girls that washed gold. After "Doctonuy" the old lady and giving her a little amica to rub her limbs and a little healthy advice about exposure to rain &c. we turned our horses toward "Caporaru". the horses seemed to pick up a little more spirit. We stopped a few minutes at Marcelinos, and let the nags breathe and in the face of a shower and against the advice of Mrs Marcelino, started out. we escaped the first shower and put in at a "boquia" for the second. here we found "Jose" and took a little lunch. I found here one ripe orange.

At 2.30. we were at Caporaru. and some resting. we had a little rain but the rubber coat kept me quite dry. The Country passed over is susceptible of the highest cultivation. the soil splendid - the appearance of the farms in all cases in the fence. In some places all along the road pieces of old hedge.

Penne and I bathed in the "fountain"
most delicious, and did good justice to
the dinner the old lady had saved the
milk as requested, though I thought
Mr Spear would eat it all before I
got to the table. He is about the most impu-
dent conceited man I ever saw. yet
with some good qualities - Gabb came
in the evening, and we listened most of
the time to his "gob", dead done in lead &
in this Country. He was on his way to the
Cave in search of quons. He kept us
awake a long time at night, I gave
the little girl about five years old the
locket. It was the only article of cloth-
ing she had on. She had a pretty face.
He made arrangements for the next day to
start early. I saw all possible obstacles in
the way, =

Thursday 19th.

We did not get breakfast until 6.30
and then it came for all parties. Penne
got away to his work before we could
get our horses. The survey seems to have
no systematic head. Gabb is a poor

man to superintend. He may be a good geologist, but he has no idea of work. He left 7³⁰ AM. reached San Cristobal 7 AM - stayed a few moments, could find no white sugar, then took the Buñi road leading along the country of the Nigua, for some four miles, and then turned down a small stream, our guide Simon, so stupid knew nothing about the road, though he said he did - the country passed over very fine - and a great many fine farms. Though all answered when asked for anything to sell to eat, "nada", we passed some large sugar plantations, and a number of mills. He lost our road a number of times, an old man at one place walked some two miles to put ~~us~~ us onto the road, we paid him 2 cigars, ten cents, and a drink of gin to the latter he said "bueno, bueno" and heaped thanks upon us. We passed through a portion of a Canon quite deep, though the path was good notwithstanding the report of Pennel, and the country people, about one o'clock we reached the shore road where we halted, for an hour and a half. We were very tired, and so were the horses,

They ate their ~~corn~~ corn well.

We had a lunch of bread, ham, hard boiled eggs, gin sager & water, with a little lime juice in it, A number of people passed as we were lunching, and party of women came to the stream for water. They have no buckets - they use sections of the large banibas, the women wade out into the water to fill these. Their modesty does not prevent their raising their clothes high enough to fill these tubs. They pack them on "jacks" generally, sometimes oxen, or bulls. After the rest, we rode on to Palenque, the ride across the savannas - with the sun in our faces was anything but pleasant, We rode all around the plain also, but our way a number of times, but at last reached old "Captain Remon's" and found him nearly dead - could not tell the disease - we gave him a little gin punch, and then rode to the Post of Palenque, a beautiful little place - safe in all weather except A.H.W., S.W.W. we of course missed the path to the place of Jose Ramon Simon took us to the wrong place. I was much disgusted - at last a man put us onto the

the right road, and we brayed upon a
Sagor mill - after a while we found the
man, and with the promise to give
him some money, he found me a cocoa-
nut, and promised us some dinner.
The horses had our sugar cane, and
seemed to like it very much.

This one man had put in with the help of
boys. That he pays 40 cts a day, some 200
acres of sagor, and he had a mill in
good working order, though it is all very
rude, wooden crushers, &c. - We started under
Simon's instructions to go to the sea to bathe
and of course it took us directly away
from the sea, I returned, Col F. took an
opposite direction and found a bathing place
within a few hundred yards. He returned
and waited until 8.30, for the dinner,
and then sent them word that we had
gone to bed, but to bring down the meal
at day light - we ate some hard bread
- drank some water, He passed a poor night,
I was annoyed much by mosquitoes and
small ants - I was very tired and needed
rest. He had no goats, pigs nor mules owned.

Friday Aug 20th 1869,

Up at daylight - Called Simon to feed the horse and pack up. He went to the beach and took a most delightful bath. It seemed perfectly delicious. to wash the monkey with the clear cool salt water. The water is very salt here. He had a nice breakfast 6. Am. Chickens - eggs - soup - hot milk hot coffee, and most bananas, and our bird, He enjoyed it much. José seemed much pleased to think it suited us. He turned our horse towards St Domingo - at 6.45 - and took a fast ride across the prairie. The morning sea air ^{was} ~~is~~ splendid - the view of the mountain back of Boni, very fine. I thought much better of Palenque. I must remember to get the book "in the Tropics" - or Palenque, per Mr C. I shall be pleased to have the same one of Palenque promised in case of annihilation. It may make my fortune. at 10.30. we reached the "Boca Negra" an immense ruin. abandoned more than one hundred years since, said to have been once an immense sugar estate and a

new manufactory. The masonry, built prob-
ably 150, or two years ago in perfect order.
the bricks used in the immense arches must
have been, brought from Spain. the most
curious thing in the old iron S. t. hold
open doors or shutter. look at little window
as if put up yesterday - no a few years
ago. and turn perfectly on the spine;
it is an immense ruin. It would make a
splendid sugar estate. I mean the land. no
use could be made of the ruin, he put
at the "broken". Made our own tea. and
took the last lunch from our supply.
He rested some hour or two. gave the man
our extra provisions, and fed the chil-
dren a little and left. I thought how would
we be treated if we should ride up to a
house in the U. S. and make ourselves at
home without invitation. These people seem
to feel honored, and asked us when we
should come again. there is a good
quantity of complicity on this place.
He then rode to the crossing of the fair
rested a little while reaching St. Domingo
at 15 minutes to four, tired and cross.
He escaped the rain. he were glad to get to

our white man's a "the day to"

We found no mail steamer, a few small boats. no news the usual number of rumors of the Seminole. Sullivan told me that Green said that his brother wrote to him from from Porto Plata that the Seminole were there, a visit to ~~Green~~ Green, found that it was only a rumor no mention made in the letter, -

Gué Cognac, sent me a letter containing an account of an interview with Brey. at his request. and also with Gautier. They take a new departure, and seem to presume that all we want is Samana, see the letter. - I was so tired that I retired early.

Saturday Aug 21st.

Not a good sleep, Remained at home Went to Gué Cognac, Had a talk with him. He thinks they will come to our terms. He is not at all discouraged. The Spanish steamer from St Thomas arrived at noon. N.Y. Herald up to July 21st only. I got a copy of the loan in England for the Dominions - no specific news in the print - no letter. went to

Luc Cazneau, and decided to show President Bay, the prospectus. The Post sent for us, to go to his house the next morning or early as we could we agreed. We got caught in a little rain on our way back. Rained quite heavily at night.

I feel much more rested after my trip - The trip has convinced me that these people, in the country are next to our Indians in ignorance. They do not seem like a lazy set of people, except so far as they can see no object to labor. Their men's ties are next to nothing. The children go naked or nearly so until quite large. I saw girls ten ^{or} ~~and~~ 12 years of age perfectly naked, - and the women care simply to cover their thighs. They live in wedlock, and are said to have an idea of virtue, but it must be small. They care little or nothing of having illegitimate children - I mean the more common class. I know but little of the better class

as there is no social visiting, at all,
not a dinner nor breakfast given by
a Dominican since I have been
here. I think the people, innocent, ignorant
and of no particular use, except to
assist an emigrant, or emigration, and
to be absorbed. They are to contend
to even wash out the gold, they live
on almost nothing "nada", - They
are rich if they have a little patch of
sugar cane, plantains - and even a jack.
The houses are of the simplest kind, a
few posts, boorded with strips of the ~~Palm~~
tree, outside - roofs made of Palm ~~leaf~~
leaves, not a chair, or a useful thing,
very few dishes - ^{to eat, two} and very few dishes
to cook with - roasted plantain, and
a little pig meat jerked, is all they
wish, - They would soon disappear
before civilization - a poor ^{mentally} weak
people, good physique, average age
quite long. I had a good trip, but
I do not want to take another at
present.

Sunday Aug 23rd 1869.

Up as usual. Gen Bayne arrived at 8.30. to go per agreement to see Pres. Bay. He arrived at his house 8.45. Had to wait a little while. He came and talked with us in the public room. He opened by telling me the old story of the Telegraphs, and accusing the American Consul at St. Thomas of assisting Touperou. the usual charge. I asked him to put all in writing that ~~he~~ he wanted me to communicate to Gen Grant. I assured him that I did not believe that the Commander of the Seminole left the Telegraphs in a condition that she could be got out and used for cables again. He mentioned the subject of a loan when I drew the slip from the English paper showing the prospectus for the St. Domingo loan, pledging the wood minerals, Coal & on Samarra. the quand on Alta Vela, and the customs at St. Domingo. He did not expect this and attempted all sorts of excuses and explanations. Now he had to do something just then to get some money. and how the rents only were pl- due. It had the desired effect of ^{the} defending him.

He stated that only \$37000 had been taken
for which they were to pay \$50000. and
interest at six percent. I then told him
that Mr Sullivan had told me that he
had told Brit Broz. at Azua. that he
had better accept any offer I might make
and that I now wished to repeat to him
that I had made no offer, that I came to
make none. and I should not make
any. that all I had said was simply to
aid him in getting matters into such a
shape that I thought it would meet with
favor. that I had mentioned Samson. or
security simply as a business transaction.

He made me no answer to this. but
repeatedly returned to the subject of the
pledging of Samson. He said the merchants
of St Thomas were against him, and that
if I would bring Mr Kenner with me
he would explain all about this matter.
He complained to me of Mr Hatch. I said
but little. He said Mr Hatch would soon
be here. a prisoner - Broz. produced the
copy of the loan, and I saw that the printed
copy was correct. He made no allusion to

the matter of amnestions.

About this time the Minister of War. and Treasury came in. also soon the American Commercial Agent, the Stohow Consul. and the proposed Hation Consul. after a consultation the American Consul. opened the subject of Mr Hatch. How he understood that Mr Hatch was coming here as a prisoner, and he had heard in chain or iron. The President seemed much moved and told Mr Smith that only on his own request. and a guarantee that Mr Hatch would not enter into any faction against the Govt that he had allowed Mr Hatch to go back. Mr Smith claimed to be well posted on international law, and claimed that Mr Hatch's case should be presented to him. Mr President. asked Gene Leguean to translate for my information he did so. Mr Smith claimed that Mr Hatch had only opposed Buz. not the Govt since Mr B. got into power. and that Buz. promised to let Buz. "bygone" be gone. He said Hatch had much influence in the U.S. was a correspondent for the New Times. - a great friend of Judge Poland,

He said that Hatch was there looking after a RR salt mine for such men as Augustus Schell &c &c. and that having trading a little to make money. Then the conversation turned and we soon left as we could not talk before the crowd. The President repeated that Hatch had hidden on the approach of the troops but they had found him, that Hatch's house was the Armory, and Arsenal for Cabal. He pointed out to me on the maps where Cabal was or is. It is at San Juan near the center of the Island.

A quiet day in general. Music on the Plaza. I walked down and listened a while. It seemed as though a number of tunes were struggling trying to get out but they failed.

Monday Aug 23rd

Spent the morning at my room. Genl C. came to see me. Caryl had sent for him to tell him that the enemy had been communicating through the American Consul, and also to tell him that his daughter (natural) was dead. He did not mention the main subject. I made out a list of questions for Gautier, to be

He went in with me

Jacobs took them to Cayenne, to be put into Spanish, and he took them to Gautier, the Harbormaster seems to make much trouble. Hennen told me that he was trying to get a R.R. grant in the "Scibo", but that he feared Harbormaster has it all covered. I went to Gibbs, and got some more books. He is the same Gibbs. She is quite pleasant. The old lady the same quiet homelick body. Bennet came with a list of things but could not get the things - they were in the hands of Cambier. Met Delmonte and a number of the Cabinet - nothing said on our business. I begin to think them trifling in this matter. No news from any source. Health continues often bad. Did not go out to Cayenne.

Tuesday Aug. 24th 1869.

Walked out in the morning, and purchased agave, coral, some shirts &c. and then went and talked with Mr Smith the U.S. Consul. He had no news. he seems quite gloomy, and sees this country through a sad eye. It is a grove good - but no good, &c. &c. he is not,

Cayman, called, had been to see Gauthier, the latter quite off in his head, said he could not surge Betty, &c. He was told in plain terms that they must act or they must drop the matter.

Two vessels arrived - both English, and from St Thomas, brought a mail no news. I took a long walk in the evening around the wall, saw my dog, Cobbe, in fine order. Walked to Genl Cayman in the evening.

Sullivan told me on my return that Brez had sent all around for him, and that he had been with him in the afternoon, and had gone back in the evening at his request. That he had told Brez that the U.S. would app. ~~repay~~ \$200,000 for Samarra. That he had told Brez that we would not admit this as a State. That we wanted Samarra, and that annexation would follow, - that he had talked with Senator Stretton and Nye and they were in favor of Samarra &c. all this is meddling with matters of which he knows nothing.

I am sorry that he meddled. Baer sent
for me to come tomorrow morning.

Wednesday Aug 25th.

9. Am. at the President's, Cozneau and
Hobson with me. a little delay. Delmonte in
at first but he soon left.

Hobson acted as translator, talking French.
Baer opened by informing me that the Telegrams
would be out again, the old story.
I told him I could not believe it, and that
if he would put it in writing, I would
attend to it, he promised to do so. He then
led to the main subject, and to the Westman
loan. I told him I understood the circumstances
and that I cared nothing about it except
that it would make trouble in W. unless
it was fully explained - &c. &c. He said
he had really taken but 37,000 pds. for
which he was to pay 50,000. the rest was
in prospect. that all this could be cancel-
led, that he could see no trouble, he
denied that the public property was vouched
for this. - He then opened up and said
that the U.S. could assume the debt
and of 100,000. which would not reach 70,000.

and annexation could be made. That a
commission of 2 or 4 of US citizens and the
same number of Dominicans could be appoint-
ed to examine and pass upon this debt -
that if he was put on this board he could
reduce the debt very much. He said he
would leave it all in the hands of the
U.S. and many other protestations. He
said he must have 100,000 or 150,000 down
to enable him to send his Generals home
and have them set up the cry, "vive la
America", &c. - He avoided the term Samon.
I told him what O. Sullivan told me
last night. He denied having talked of
politics with him, and went on to tell
how good a friend U.S. had been to them
and that Samon was an old subject.
I told him that U.S. had had no influence
in sending me here, that it was all settled
before he presented his letter, and that he
had no letter from the State Dept. or from
the President, that he could give his opin-
ion as a citizen and no more. I told
him that I hoped he might get his grant,
and I wanted him to succeed, but he could
not speak for God Grant, nor for Acty. Smith.

I asked the President to put his views in writing, and I would take them to Pres G. There came the loop hole, and left a place to get out of it all. He assured me that they would be plain and honest, in everything. He then said these were his Bay's views, but he did not know that they would be the views of his Cabinet, hence all he has said may go for nothing. He said now was the time for ~~by~~ the U.S. to do everything. Europe was busy, Spain at war, Cuba in revolt &c. and then he attempted to show us how easy it would be to put down any trouble in Hayti. I assured him that the U.S. did not fear Europe, and cared but little for Hayti. Bay then asked me to go to his house at 4 o'clock, and meet his Cabinet, that he might explain to them that I had come for information &c. &c. He also told me that he intended to issue a decree declaring certain sales made in Santana's time null and void, and thus restore a lot of property. He said Gautier and Delmonte were the only ones that he talked with. He then left him. Nothing occurred

of interest during the day. Went at 4 P.M. with Genl C. & Col L. to the President's house with him Gautier, Delmonte & Mungrea. Canine came in afterwards, then came the diplomacy. Brey announced through Genl C. to the Cabinet that I had come here in the capacity of a special agent to gather information about the country and he hoped they would all extend to me all the facilities required, and that I could go and talk with them freely. Little did he suppose that this was really my mission. He then fell off onto the old subject of the Telysipo, and this time produced a document which shows that the Gov. in fact it is a copy of the letter from the Gov of the Islands of Newworld, stating that he did not think the hostile acts of the Telysipo warranted his retaining her, hence he had given orders to release her. I repeated what I said in the morning about Com. Owens, and they promised to give me copies of all these letters - & they also said

that our Consul at Havana St Thomas
represented to Owens. that the acts of the
Télégraphes, were not as bad as represent-
ed &c. We then talked about the Island.
Delmonte made some of his Superstition
speeches, and a general talk ensued.
Gautier told me that they had according
to their estimate 300 000 people. I think
they have not one half that.

A rain storm detained us a while.
Bay, gave us some London Times.
July 29th. 30th & 31st. I saw that our stocks
went, have risen in London and in N.Y.
on the 30th. 67¹/₂ = 22¹/₈. He remained at the
hotel during the evening - O Sullivan,
entertained us with his dislike of our
own country.

Thursday Aug 26th. 1869.

Up as usual. called at Cohens, saw the English
Consul, and obtain no news. purchased some shoes
at Mr Semmet's could find no silk. Went to
Lauding to see a St Thomas paper of the 4th. but
little in it. Rained about noon - Pennel came
down. Remained at hotel afternoon. rainy.
7 P.M. Received document from Agnew.

with translation - see same. # Secty Curiel
said in the morning that they had all agreed
to go in for annexation. But you cannot
live much by what they say. -
a rainy night. the storm now come from
the sea. I think the thing season has set
in.

Friday Aug 27th 1849.

Remained at Hotel a part of the mor-
ning. Bennet sent me a Buckers(?) and
a parrot to see. I took the Buckers. and
told the boy to tell him to keep it for
me until I sailed. the price of the parrot
to high. Went to Gen Cagneous. and
gave him some memoranda about the
proposal. and talked the matter up with
him. left him to go and see them and
to come and tell me the result.

Learner of the armist and proposed
exiding of one of the young men of the
City. son in law of old Mr Cohen.
for political seasons, a Danish schooner
arrived no news. no mail - Gen C. came
around at 4. and told us that he had
been talking a long time with those people

and that he can do nothing with them. That this is no contract. but a simple memorandum for the President, that the rest will all be arranged when the treaty is arranged. They act like children, they are elated to think they have a proposition for a loan in England. The Gov. made an engagement to meet them at 9. am tomorrow, I am sorry. but shall go of course. Col. Sabers and I walked to San Carlos. looking for gold dust at the shops but found none. So the Mint story turned out as usual false. Genl. C. went part of the way with us. we visited the Merced Church. met a Padre. very polite. placed his house at my disposition. he gave us an account of the place in the Cathedral where the remains of Columbus were laid. It is near the left hand corner of the floor of the Altar. the entrance was made from the level of the floor, of the Cathedral. Much of the silver ornamenting of the altar of the Merced was stolen during its occupancy by the Spanish. they used the church as a barracks. the church is now being repaired. —

Remained at the hotel, the filthy hole,
during the evening. Much disgusted with
things in general. I am badly bitten by
some insect, which gives me much
annoyance. Simon was in and I gave
him \$5. -

Saturday Aug 28th

Up as usual. much disgusted at the
number of bites on me, at the bugs,
and Antipede in my trunk, and at the
quantity of water bugs in my bath water,
and the dirt of my room generally. I com-
plained to Mr Sohier, he blamed the boy,
a poor half idioted dokey,

At 9. am. went to the President. He
soon saw us. Gautier, Delmonte & Hungar
& Benel came in. After the news from the
seat of war. where Baz. says there is no
war. The troops have entered ^{San} Juan, and
put to flight, Cabral, Puzol & others.
Killed 20, wounded 40, captured 80, and
drowned 5, and wounded and captured
Cabral's horse wounded. the last part I
think probable. They are pursuing him (?)
he commenced on the business part

He said he could put it all into your article, about as he talked before, and then round up as before by saying that this was his opinion, but his cabinet did not all agree with him.

He admits his willingness to see Samoua. He says the people in the Sehau, are pressing him hard to see Samoua, but that he and his cabinet do not want to see Samoua, provided they can get annexation. He says he has had to send these people word to keep quiet and wait. He assured me that if the U.S. would send down the advance, and some one with power to treat, that it would all be done in three days. I asked him what he meant by protection. He said simply two boats, men of war to cruise about while this was being submitted to the people, that he did not expect any force landed. I told him that that ^{the landing of troops} would be impossible, and showed him how it would be misunderstood. He said that any money sent would be an advance on the annexation.

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the Senate confirm it at once, and
treaty being signed. He says he cannot
name the price any less than offered
Mr Seward, for his people would suppose
he had made some arrangement by which the
difference had gone into his pocket. I can
see that this would be so. I called his
attention to the necessity of making the
advance as small as possible, not the
size of the Sun. I do anything to do with
it, but I am quite able to advance the
money, - and that he must give me a list
of supplies wanted - He talked well, but
has will he act, give sake? I don't
looked black. The President said that
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force unless we appeared here to
make the treaty, when it would be
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Complained to Mr. Soulier, who came and put my room in order. I took my trunk out and dressed it as well as I could of all buys, did not find the centipede, I am sorry to say.

Gautier at the interview said he did not see that we were any nearer than before, and seemed disinclined to go to his own office, Col. Fabens. went in the evening to try and find him, but he was out. I remained at the Hotel the rest of the day. During the afternoon, a band of music came down with a crowd, and halted in front of the barracks. After a little playing a man read a congratulatory order on the fight, in which the horse "grandee" figured prominently. The band then went off playing. I suppose to publish the same in other parts of the City, he could get no news from the Danish Brig. - Took my trunk down, and retired early. I hope to hear the Tybee announced in the morning, but did not much expect her before Sunday.

Sunday May 29th 1868.

Did not walk out in the morning as usual. Wrote and read a little. No news.

Don Manuel de La Roche, called on me
a fine old gentleman. He says that
when this Island is a part of the U.S. he can
like Moses say he is ready to go to go to Heaven.
He is an enthusiastic American. He says
the Key West country is infinitely superior to
this, and that in that country the people
work, Here they are lazy. I sent Mrs. Elliott
a purse and my photograph. She has been
much abused by an American husband but
is still a true American. The old man is
a worthy man. He supports Bay with all his
heart, but admits that they have not the recupera-
tive power to go on, and they must ask
some strong power to give them a helping hand.
He said he should fight me if I left without
going to see him. I walked out in the
afternoon, went around the City, saw what they
style a Bull fight. it is a sorry apology
for a real Castilian Bull Fight. The bull here
may be a cow, and they hitch to his horns a
long rope, and then chase him up and down
the street, poor thing does no harm unless
by accident he runs against some one.
He walked outside of the gate to the Cemetery.

met Gen ~~Saxon~~ Saxon in his buggy he
got down and walked in with us. He has
already a little knowledge of the English language.
He says all the children are learning English. -
The Cemetery has a lack of neatness. but
the careless manner with which they treat the
the bones so often exposed is a sad reflection
on their religion - It is nothing to see skulls
lying around on the stones and on the ground.
He met Gen Beez, riding on his "blond cheval",
with his brother and a big "dorkie".
He stopped and shook our hands.

At Dinner the French Consul, was more than
ever, a fool. The poor fellow brought us
our Cigars ordered, and also his. He denied
ordering any, when we showed him his own
order in writing he still denied - poor old
foolish chatter box.

Purchased the 200 cigars. \$3.50 - Layba dined
with us and talked a great deal. Currier came
and dined with O. Sullivan. He told Hobens
that the Cabinet was agreed, and that -
Gautier was drawing up the paper just as the
President told him. He said he would see Gautier
and ask him to meet us at Gen C. tomorrow 9 am.

Retired hoping to hear the Tyber announce
tomorrow morning, a cool pleasant night,

Saturday Aug 30th 1868.

Assoke came. soon heard a steamer an-
nounced, and then soon after the Union Jack
went up. Sure it was the Tyber, soon saw
her steam up the river to her mooring, a
sight good for bad eyes, all excited. hurried my
trunk, and went to the steamer, found two
letters: one from Annie, all well and hap-
py, date Aug 17th. Thank God. Other letter from Peter
all well, and doing well. a few passengers.
Mr Prime, and Mr Hornington, latter from
Porta Plata, no special news by papers. a few
items - such as Rosecrans - declining to run
for Gov of Ohio. Pendleton nominated, seizure
of Spanish gun boats by U.S. &c. All or rather
the two passengers came to our hotel.

Gautier called, with Cagman. He said he would
make out the paper in accordance with the
statement of the President, it & ~~the~~ he called
and left it - He was alone, so I could talk
but little with him, I promised to meet him
at 7. am tomorrow, at the President's,

He has put the debt at 1500000 instead of 700,000
and does not speak of the commission,
nor excess. Spent the evening at Cognac.
made all preparations for tomorrow.
At table at breakfast S. Sullivan made the
usual "tee" of himself and thought that I
was insulting because some one spoke of
John Bull Uncle Sam. Johnny Cropeau,
the latter was the insult,
Farrington a loud Talking Englishman, a
spy I think. The Capt of The Tybee says he
shall sail Friday or Saturday. - Remond
did not return,

Tuesday Aug 30th 1869.

Up as usual. Went at 9 AM. to see the Pres.
with Cognac & Hobens. After a little idle talk
the President took us into a private room and
then in the presence of Gautier, opened the sub-
ject. I objected to the sum of \$1500000, when he
had told me 700000. He crawled and tried
to put it onto me because I had said they could
put their debt so high that there would be no
risk in putting in the condition in case of
an excess. I told why I had said that. He as often

as I put a question referred to some other subject. generally Samana. and said his Cabinet was in favor of ~~an~~ selling Samana but he was, I could not get him to consent to naming a commission. at last they agreed that they would put in the clause to cover the case of excess. In the conversation I saw that Gautier did not mean what he had written - but he intended to have the money paid over to U.S. and she pay the debt. while he had written that U.S. to pay the debt - They differed on this and after a long talk amounting to just nothing we got up and left. They promising to talk it over and let me know. I told him again that I was not here to talk about buying Samana. nor annexation, only to listen to what they had to say. and would take it to President Grant. but I did not want to go away with anything that I did not think would be accepted; and I did not think this would be. I think they are quite tricky. and I begin to think them dishonest - I may be mistaken but I think not, I left a little disgusted.

In afternoon I went out hunting birds and
old curiosities found a handsome old Cru-
cifix gold weighing 12 oz & 50 cts. gave \$10. Went to
Savinous. not in. Went to Paul Cognesens,
while there saw a man of war appear.
after a long time we made out the Sloop
The Hero & Steyer. God bless them, At dinner
the navigator Lt Comdr. Chadwick, came and
reported to me, that the U S man of war the
Tuscorora, had arrived here from Key West.
to report to me. Young Smith was with him
the latter stuck to us closely. He wanted to
know if I did not think we had better
demand of the President the whereabouts of
Mr Hatch. I told him that we did not
yet know that Mr Hatch had been in
any way interfere with - I sent to the
Capt. the orders I had for the Seminole,
and gave him the idea that I wanted him
to salute the govt. &c. and promised to go
off and breakfast in the morning 11 am
I called at Goutiers. He was out. Called
at the President's, out also. The latter sent
me word he was in. (about 9 PM) I went
round, with Hennen and I told him of

of the arrival of the Steamer, and the intended salute, asked for a Dominican flag. He seemed pleased. At the table Mr Farrington displayed his lance in defending "Superon", I told that having overhauled one American boat if but a flot boat it was enough to make her a pirate, as she was. - No special news by Steamer.

Wednesday Sept 1st 1869.

Up early. Baz sent the flag off instead of sending it to me. Salute fired and done replied to immediately. Went out shopping, purchased 4 oz of gold dust. 17. of Gue Savinon who told me that he purchased it in small lots, a few dollars at a time. He was very polite, offered to give me 2 oz. The prisoner Mr Robt Hawthorn, was sent to me. I think him worthy of clemency. Was not a bad face at all. Says he was drunk, and quarrelled with his chain, and whipped him. He still wanted satisfaction and they fought. He has no remembrance of what he did, and did not know that he had killed him until he was arrested and told so.

Has a father and mother living at
 Foll River Mass. Has a wife in N.C.
 Was in the rebel service. Was once in jail
 in Boston for being drunk. Is a sailor,
 40 years old. I think him worthy of the
 attention. so I told Gen Cozneau that we
 would give him requesting his pardon. He
 had no one to defend him who could talk
 English. Say, he is well treated two old
 Colonel people come to the prison and give
 him 10 cts each.

Went off to the Tuscovora 10 am. in
 Captain's gig. Was saluted, 13 gun. very well
 treated by the Capt. & officers. nice break-
 fast. officers all very anxious to have
 me take the Tuscovora north. Capt Owen
 ready to do anything - he came on a telegram
 in order to come and report to me.
 I shall send him to the Windward Islands.
 The officers to come on shore in the
 morning to pay their respects to the President.
 I went to the Consul, and asked him if
 he had anything about the Telegrams. He
 said nothing. the young man, asked
 if they had not a letter from a ^{Man} ^{Horan}
 in any way.

He said yes. and gave me the letter. He
said he had considered it as a private
letter. Went to the Legation. found Faber
and Prime, we all went to the President's.
I told Broz. what Owen reported, and
that if he would give me the evidence
to show that the Telegrams. came out under
our flag. &c. I would send the Tusco-
rona, to St Thomas and find out when
the Telegrams is - and come back here
and report to him, provided he got all
my mother ready to go on the Lybee,
if not I should take the Tuscorona
north. He promised. I told him why the
Tuscorona. had come here. and of the
intended visit to tomorrow to see him.
He referred to Mr Heath. whom he says
is at Ayra. I told him that I should
not interfere with Mr Heath. I would
trust him. Goutin came round with
Legation, with said document. They
have changed the form. and value the
same at 1500000. I told him I felt
quite sorry that they had put the figure
so high - I was afraid it would ^{defeat}

the whole matter, and told Col. Foden
to point out to him the clause wherein
they say as much, as this or nothing.

Gutwin talked all around the sub-
ject again - and spoke of a letter.
He has promised to have my paper
Friday - the answers.

Three of the officers dined with
me, pleasant gentlemen indeed. I am
proud of them. The French Consulate
mod at August, as usual, I learned of
the death of my "Bookers" alas, alas,
I was very late at night - The indications
are that the Tyber will not leave
until Friday night - got no special news.
Baz. admitted that the subject of the telegram
bothered him much, and seemed much
pleased that I was willing to send the
Luscorra.

Thursday Sept 2nd.

A very heavy rain up to noon.
Called at Lombroso's. Officers did not
arrive until noon. He called on Baz.
2 o'clock. Capt. Owen and three officers
were received. I took as many as

went me as I could. Called also at Gotts.
and Gul bozuous. Well entertained.
The officers dined with us. a nice set
of gentlemen. Gutter called at dinner
time and said all my papers were ready.
He gave me the papers in the Case of the
Telegraph. He thought there was a word
check in the fence when I suggested
that Boez. should say in his letter to
Gen Grant that Grant had been in charge
of the matter before. They are too suspicious
a busy day. very kind at night. I talked
with Green and told him, what impres-
sion I wanted made about the Telegraph.
He seemed to enter into the case. The
officers all very polite.
The French Consul quite disgusting, and
left the table sick after talking about
an org of officers.
Hornington developed the idea that
the Defence came here at his request.
Smith spoke to Green about Ketch
I told him to go ahead and pay no
attention. Drew check for book & for
Washington for \$100.00.

very sick. very sick. very sick.

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Friday Sept 3rd 1869.

Up early. Slept but little. the goats kept me awake. Packed some of my things. boxed my Agass. put the rum into another bbl. and cooked around generally. I was informed that my papers would not be ready until Saturday tomorrow. Capt Owen sent off an officer for his letter of instructions. I sent it to him, and told him that if I did not sent him further instructions he could leave in the morning. Later I sent him word to wait until afternoon when the Lybee left leaves.

O'Sullivan. decided he could not go they had nothing to give him that he could or would take. He at first arranged with the Capt to wait a day at \$100. then gave it up. The Capt said that if I would go with him for certain. He would wait until night. I said I would go anyway, and he held his boat. Hennen a sick man. we all attended to him. He was cuffed. and took at last a large dose of oil. He felt much better at 9. Pm. when I left him. I did not go to the President for I thought ^{they}

would be too busy. Mr. Hamylton told me
of the De Buck, in prison here. a mean
bad man. He cannot get our man
out of prison in time to sail tomorrow.
but thinks he will be released. Rained a
number of times during the day. I did not go
out to Gus Cagneans - Wrote to the Steamer.
collected my room. Pres. sent for Cagnean
and had some new idea about selling
Sumner. and having the pay made grad-
ually, and annexation to come afterwards.
I told Cagnean. to tell him that it was
too late. and beside his price was so
much that I did not think it would be
entertained at all. It is simply to get
a way to get hold of all of the money
and get off.

Saturday Apr 20th. 1869.

Up early. finished my arrangements to
sail. papers still wanting. Went around
and bid the people good bye. My papers
are agreed upon. Gaudin called around
to my room. and had them to me
and signed them in my presence.
The statement of a few things not ready

Baey gave me a map of the Island and sent a copy also to President Grant. I gave him my drinking cup, and gave Goutin some presents for his little ones. O'Sullivan as usual in the way. The last things most on board the Tybee at 5. she dropped out into the stream and turned around. At the last moment Goutin, Cognieu & I came down to the landing and brought me the lost papers.

The Fuscoron sailed a little ahead - I bid them all goodbye, and left the old town. Was glad to be on my way back, and glad that I had my things in such good shape. Fabien, Armand Prime, Seyba, Cambeaux with his family, Mrs - the mistress of Portsmouth on board. The view as we left the old town was splendid. The mountains looked like a shower of silver. I had a nice room, well fixed. Seyba had my pillow the first night. I paid my bill and took a receipt from old Soulié. - Celia came aboard.

with my washing. Had a nice run
to Porto Plata. worked there daylight
Monday morning. Went on shore
saw a number of acquaintances,
dined with the English Consul, Mr
Finnerty. a queer Irish lady for a
wife. He is personally in favor of
Annihilation, but officially opposed.
Saw Gougallen and others. sailed 4.
PM. Had a nice run to N.S. though
slow. Much disgusted with the Copy
the Type. Reached N.S. on the morning of
the 14th. - guaranteed of course. had
some delay - after a day's delay got up
to the City at night. telegraphed the
old man, and Annie - remained in
N.S. a day or two - had a nice time,
got at last my things through the Custom
house, and went to W. H. H. for two
two days. gave Butterfield a day. Took
pocket home, Annie and Comptess
quite.